

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS – SAN ANTONIO DIVISION**

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA &  
THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
*ex rel., Matthew Andrew Garces***

**RELATOR,**

**V.**

**TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION,  
BAPTIST HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.**

**DEFENDANTS**

**CAUSE NO. SA:18-CA-0802 DAE**

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**PLAINTIFF-RELATOR’S NOTICE OF DISMISSAL  
PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 41 (a)(2)**

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COMES NOW, Relator Matthew Andrew Garces (“Relator”), by and through the undersigned counsel, respectfully moves pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(2) to voluntarily dismiss this action against Defendants Tenet Healthcare Corporation (“Tenet”) and Baptist Health System, Inc. (“Baptist”; collectively with Tenet, the “Defendants”). Dismissal is proper under Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(2) as Defendants were not served and, therefore, they did not file an answer, motion for summary judgment, or counterclaims. Moreover, the United States and the State of Texas have provided Relator with written notice of their consent to dismissal pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(2), subject to the following conditions:

1. As to Relator Matthew Andrew Garces, this action is dismissed in its entirety with prejudice; and
2. As to the United States and the State of Texas, dismissal is without prejudice.

This case may only be dismissed by order of the Court. As such, Relator respectfully moves the Court for an order of voluntarily dismissal with prejudice as to his claims against all Defendants. The United States and the State of Texas consent to this dismissal, and entry of the proposed order of dismissal being submitted in conjunction with this motion, which dismisses the action as without prejudice as to them.

In light of the foregoing, this motion should be granted.

Dated: December 22, 2020

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**CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

I certify that on the 22nd day of December, 2020, counsel for relator conferred with counsel for the government, listed below, regarding the merits of this motion, and no counsel for any party opposes the filing of this motion:

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court on this 22nd day of December, 2020, a copy was served on counsel below in accordance with Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

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